

Applicant has amended the independent claims to more particularly define the present invention and distinguish it from the teachings of the cited reference.

The Loeb patent pertains to apparatus consisting of "four separate frame sections...having a pair of flanges disposed at right angles;" and devotes many sections of its claims to the application of such apparatus. The Loeb patent claims also refer to the hooks as being outside of the apparatus and in the same plane as the window, whereby the apparatus reduces the given dimensions of the frame opening. His screen system requires the use of aluminum angle sections 12 which (a) are secured to the window frame by screws, and (b) project inwardly from the inside edge of the frame, thereby inherently reducing the given dimensions of the frame opening.

In applicant's invention, the second fastener strip is secured directly to some designed interior or exterior section of the window frame in a manner such that the given dimensions of the window frame opening are not reduced. In some circumstances this may include the hook surfaces being recessed into designed grooves or even being secured perpendicular to the plane of the window. Consequently, when the screen mesh is attached to the second fastener strip, the given dimensions of the window frame opening are not reduced. In other words, the effective viewing area through the window frame using applicant's invention is exactly the same as it was before the screen mesh was applied. In

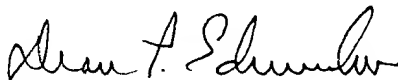
the Loeb system, the viewing area through the window frame is reduced because of the presence of the angle sections 12 around the inside of the frame and requires the angle sections to be applied to the frame.

Furthermore, in applicant's invention the second fastener strip is secured directly to the window frame (without requiring any secondary apparatus), nor does applicant's system require the use of screws which would permanently damage the window frame. Applicant's system is a true "frameless" screen system that is functional regardless of the shape of the opening. Thus, applicant's system can be used on a wide variety of shapes of window frame openings (e.g. triangular, oval, round, multi-sided, etc.).

Therefore, in view of the present amendments to the claims, and the foregoing remarks, applicant submits that the Section 102(b) and Section 103(a) rejections have been overcome.

Reconsideration and favorable action are courteously solicited.

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